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DWP—

What would Mayflower Day be sans acorn squash! On that momentous day I cooked and ate a good sized acorn squash and thought about the Pilgrims and Mary Emma all the while. John happened to be here at the time + so I introduced him not only to acorn squash but also to the "tradition" of eating acorn squash on Mayflower Day.

Yes, I am enjoying the barrage of Gueswood mail that you have been sending my way. Speaking of Gueswood, Jean & I were in the Burger King near Viewmont Mall today about 2 P.M. (we were on an expedition in search of lamp posts for Memorial Park) and, of all people, Mildred and Dwight Anderson were in the "dining room" as we entered. Very friendly hello's were exchanged and then Dwight said: "I hear we're not going to be having a wedding in October." We had the usual conversation — better they decided to break up now than after the wedding and so forth. Mildred, naturally, was ebullient. A brief encounter and that was that. Jean, of course, wondered what they must have thought of her and of the fact that I was out in public with an older woman. Very droll. Jean went back to her hamburger and tea and I returned to my whopper and french fries and then we both took up our search for lamp posts for Memorial Park.

I mailed, via Parcel Post, two plates to you today — a Carbondale plate and a Gravity Railroad plate. They are very securely packaged and should arrive in good shape. Accept them with my compliments — if Mrs. Halstein insists on paying for them, they are \$2.50/plate. Enclosed is a "deposit slip" for the \$10.00 Harned T. Coomin Check. No bank book was in its way to you when the Harned T. Coomin Check arrived. In effect, you can hold on to the bank book — we can make a deposit some "passbook." The current balance in the Gueswood account (001-514553) is, as you can see, \$46.30 — which is excellent. We can send out one or two mailings to all descendants prior to next year's Reunion.

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Thank you for the two copies of Volume 36, Number 2 of the OCHS Bulletin. A very impressive document indeed. I am very fond of the red "cuts" that embellish the text and also very impressed by the detailed acquittances list. A detailed acquittances list for the OCHS must be prepared. Perhaps that will be the next newsletter.

I, too, have established a Gueswood Reunion 1985 folder. Perhaps we should have the Reunion and a Pioneer Day program on Saturday. We might get a larger crowd. There are some who did not attend this year because they felt that they wanted to attend Church in their own Church. Perhaps some are turned off by the Church service idea, even though they do not have to attend Church. As you suggest, the question of format for next year should be put to a vote. No referendum would have to be accompanied by a speak-now-or-frown-later-you-peace rider.

I have not yet had the strength to read Alice's text on the tanning of leather. I'm sure she has copied it from IWC or Goodrich. I am amused when Alice says: "I am quite happy about the two [Pioneer Day and Gueswood Reunion] together cuts my work about in half." Not true. Alice didn't do a damn thing for the Reunion this year. Alice, I'm sure, is perfectly delighted with the news that your marriage plans have been cancelled — hence, her low-keyed response. It is all very startling to have my existence recognized by Alice — "So glad you and Robert came along with your youth, ideas and energy." \$1,094.00 — very impressive. Long live the Clinton Center Baptist Church (\$500 of that \$1,094 is, as we know, from EAG.)

I still have the Dorothy Essif pictures. Send her a bill at your \$10/hour rate. I will not deliver the pictures until you have been paid for your services. Her address is: Mrs. Dorothy Essif, 27 Franklin Street, Carbondale. Tell her that she can arrange to pick them up from me and give her my phone number — 679-2979.

You and I are the only two people who are broad minded enough to care about the Gueswood clan as a whole.